

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the paragraph on page 17, beginning on line 2 with the following amended paragraph:

A single-layer, closed cell foamed was formed having the same components and processing conditions as set forth for Example 1, except that 24 weight parts of aluminum particles (AL-101 powder, Micron Metals, Inc.) per 100 parts LDPE were fed to the mixture rather than the vermiculite mica particles. The resulting foam had a thickness of 57 mils, a width of 6 inches, and an area density of 59 g/ft².

Please replace the paragraph on page 17, beginning on line 8 with the following amended paragraph:

A single-layer, closed cell foam was formed having the same components and processing conditions as set forth for Example 1, except that 13.5 weight parts glass microballoons (Available from 3M Corp. under the K46 tradename) per 100 parts LDPE were fed to the mixture rather than the vermiculite mica particles. The resulting foam had a thickness of 61 mils, a width of 6 inches, and an area density of 56 g/ft².

Please replace the paragraph on page 17, beginning on line 14 with the following amended paragraph:

A single-layer, closed cell foam was formed having the same components and processing conditions as set forth for Example 1, except that the vermiculite mica particles were omitted. The resulting foam had a thickness of 70 mils, a width of 6 inches, and an area density of 61 g/ft².

Please replace the table on page 18 with the following table:

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Table 1

| | Area density (g/ft ²) | STL at 40 Hz (Δ dB) | STL at 100 Hz (Δ dB) | STL at 400 Hz (Δ dB) | STL at 1000 Hz (Δ dB) |
|---|--------------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| Example 1 (8 pph <u>vermiculite</u> <u>mica</u>) | 38 | 26 | 28 | 27 | 29 |
| Example 2 (24 pph AL) | 59 | 25 | 29 | 28 | 29 |
| Example 3 (13.5 pph glass) | 56 | 25 | 28 | 26 | 26 |
| Comparative 1 (0 pph particles) | 61 | 27 | 28 | 27 | 29 |